

States of America. (Secretariat File Number: MEX–USA–2015–1904–01).

**SUMMARY:** On November 29, 2019, a NAFTA Binational Panel issued its Decision in the matter of the Review of the Final Determination of Antidumping Duties imposed on imports of ammonium sulphate from the United States of America (Final Determination). The Binational Panel remanded the Final Determination by Mexico's Investigating Authority, Secretaria de Economía (Economía), and ordered Economía to issue a redetermination within 90 days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul E. Morris, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Room 2061, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482–5438.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 19 of Article 1904 of NAFTA provides a dispute settlement mechanism involving trade remedy determinations issued by the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada, and the Government of Mexico. Following a Request for Panel Review, a Binational Panel is composed to provide judicial review of the trade remedy determination being challenged and then issue a binding Panel Decision. The NAFTA Binational Panel Decision is available publicly at <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Home/Dispute-Settlement/Decisions-and-Reports>. There are established NAFTA Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews and the NAFTA Panel Decision has been notified in accordance with Rule 70. For the complete Rules, please see <https://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/Home/Texts-of-the-Agreement/Rules-of-Procedure/Article-1904>.

Dated: December 6, 2019.

**Paul E. Morris,**

*U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Request for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument or Apparatus

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and

respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Towanda Carey, ITA Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, OCFEO, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)). Comments will generally be posted without change. Please do not include information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted may be publicly accessible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dianne Hanshaw, Enforcement and Compliance (E&C), phone number 202–482–1661, or via the internet at [Dianne.Hanshaw@trade.gov](mailto:Dianne.Hanshaw@trade.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Departments of Commerce and Homeland Security (“DHS”) are required to determine whether nonprofit institutions established for scientific or educational purposes are entitled to duty-free entry for scientific instruments the institutions import under the Florence Agreement. Form ITA–338P enables: (1) DHS to determine whether the statutory eligibility requirements for the institution and the instrument are fulfilled, and (2) Commerce to make a comparison and finding as to the scientific equivalency of comparable instruments being manufactured in the United States. Without the collection of the information, DHS and Commerce would not have the necessary information to carry out the responsibilities of determining eligibility for duty-free entry assigned by law.

##### II. Method of Collection

A copy of Form ITA–338P is provided on and downloadable from a website at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/sips/sipsform/ita-338p.pdf> or the potential applicant may request a copy from the Department. The applicant completes the form and then forwards it via mail to DHS.

Upon acceptance by DHS as a valid application, the application is transmitted to Commerce for further processing.

#### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0625–0037.

*Form Number(s):* ITA–338P.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* State or local

government; Federal agencies; not for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 65.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 130.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$2,138.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A–588–874]

#### Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From Japan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2017–2018

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines

that Nippon Steel Corporation (NSC) and Tokyo Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Tokyo Steel), producers and exporters of hot-rolled steel flat products (hot-rolled steel) from Japan, did not sell subject merchandise in the United States at prices below normal value during the period of review (POR) October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. In addition, Commerce preliminarily determines that Honda Trading Canada, Inc. (Honda) had no shipments during the POR. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

**DATES:** Applicable December 16, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Myrna Lobo or Jack Zhao, AD/CVD Operations, Office VII, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2371 or (202) 482-1396, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled steel from Japan in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>1</sup> Commerce initiated this administrative review on December 11, 2018 covering 25 producers and/or exporters.<sup>2</sup> We selected NSC and Tokyo Steel as mandatory respondents.<sup>3</sup> On January 28, 2019, Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.<sup>4</sup> On July 29, 2019, we extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review until November 8, 2019.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Australia, Brazil, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, the Republic of Turkey, and the United Kingdom: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determinations for Australia, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of Turkey and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 67962 (October 3, 2016) (*Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 83 FR 63615 (December 11, 2018).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Respondent Selection for the 2017-2018 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan," dated March 11, 2019.

<sup>4</sup> See Memorandum, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

<sup>5</sup> See Memorandum, "Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review—2017-2018," dated July 29, 2019.

On October 22, 2019, we extended the deadline for the preliminary results of this review until December 10, 2019.<sup>6</sup> For a detailed description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>7</sup>

**Scope of the Order**

The merchandise covered by the order is hot-rolled steel from Japan. For a complete description of the scope of the order, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>8</sup>

**Methodology**

Commerce is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act. Constructed export price and export price were calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value is calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix to this notice. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). Access to ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov> and is available to all parties in the Central Records Unit, Room B8024 of the main Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the internet at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html>. A list of the topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix to this notice. The signed Preliminary Decision Memorandum and the electronic versions of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

**Preliminary Determination of No Shipments**

Among the companies under review, Honda properly filed a statement

<sup>6</sup> See Memorandum, "Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Extension of Deadline for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review—2017-2018," dated October 22, 2019.

<sup>7</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan; 2017-2018," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

reporting that it had made no shipments of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR. Commerce issued an instruction to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) asking for any entry activity regarding Honda, and is awaiting CBP's response.<sup>9</sup> Based on the certification submitted by Honda and our analysis of CBP information on the record, we preliminarily determine that Honda had no shipments during the POR.<sup>10</sup> Consistent with its practice, Commerce finds that it is not appropriate to preliminarily rescind the review with respect to Honda, but rather to complete the review and issue appropriate instructions to CBP based on the final results of this review.

**Rate for Non-Examined Companies**

The statute and Commerce's regulations do not address the establishment of a rate to be applied to companies not selected for individual examination when Commerce limits its examination in an administrative review pursuant to section 777A(c)(2) of the Act. Generally, Commerce looks to section 735(c)(5) of the Act, which provides instructions for calculating the all-others rate in a market economy investigation, for guidance when calculating the rate for companies which were not selected for individual examination in an administrative review. Under section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the all-others rate is normally "an amount equal to the weighted average of the estimated weighted-average dumping margins established for exporters and producers individually investigated, excluding any zero or *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely {on the basis of facts available}."

In this review, we have preliminarily calculated weighted-average dumping margins for NSC and Tokyo Steel that are zero. Accordingly, we have preliminarily assigned to the companies not individually examined a margin of 0.00 percent.

**Preliminary Results**

We preliminarily determine the following weighted-average dumping margins for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018:

<sup>9</sup> See No Shipment Inquiry to CBP, dated December 9, 2019.

<sup>10</sup> See Honda's Letter, "Administrative Review of Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Honda Trading Canada, Inc.'s No Shipment Certification," dated December 20, 2018.

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Nippon Steel Corporation/Nippon Steel Nisshin Co., Ltd./Nippon Steel Trading Corporation <sup>11</sup>	0.00
Tokyo Steel Manufacturing Co., Ltd	0.00
Hanwa Co., Ltd	0.00
Higuchi Manufacturing America, LLC	0.00
Higuchi Seisakusho Co., Ltd	0.00
Hitachi Metals, Ltd	0.00
JFE Steel Corporation/JFE Shoji Trade Corporation <sup>12</sup>	0.00
JFE Shoji Trade America	0.00
JFE Shoji Trade Corporation	0.00
Kanematsu Corporation	0.00
Kobe Steel, Ltd	0.00
Metal One Corporation	0.00
Mitsui & Co., Ltd	0.00
Miyama Industry Co., Ltd	0.00
Nakagawa Special Steel Inc	0.00
Nippon Steel & Sumikin Logistics Co., Ltd	0.00
Okaya & Co. Ltd	0.00
Panasonic Corporation	0.00
Saint-Gobain K.K	0.00
Shinsho Corporation	0.00
Sumitomo Corporation	0.00
Suzukaku Corporation	0.00
Toyota Tsusho Corporation Nagoya	0.00

**Assessment Rates**

Upon completion of the administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. For any individually examined respondent whose weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.5 percent) in the final results of this review and the respondent reported reliable entered values, we will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates for the merchandise based on the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made during the POR to each importer and the total entered value of those same sales, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). If the respondent has not reported

reliable entered values, we will calculate a per-unit assessment rate for each importer by dividing the total amount of dumping calculated for the examined sales made to that importer by the total sales quantity associated with those transactions. Where an importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rate is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2). If a respondent’s weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* in the final results of review, we will instruct CBP not to assess duties on any of its entries in accordance with the *Final Modification for Reviews*, i.e., “{w}here the weighted-average margin of dumping for the exporter is determined to be zero or *de minimis*, no antidumping duties will be assessed.” <sup>13</sup>

For entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by NSC and Tokyo Steel for which the producer did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States, or for any respondent for which we have a final determination of no shipments, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company (or

companies) involved in the transaction.<sup>14</sup>

We intend to issue liquidation instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

**Cash Deposit Requirements**

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the notice of final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for each specific company listed above will be that established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent, and therefore *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c)(1), in which case the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously investigated companies not participating in this review, the cash deposit will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding in which the company participated; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the underlying investigation, but the manufacturer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent segment for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other

<sup>11</sup> In a recently completed changed circumstances review, we found that NSC, Nippon Steel Nisshin Co., Ltd. (Nippon Nisshin), and Nippon Steel Trading Corporation (NSTC) are affiliated companies that should be treated as a single entity and as the successor-in-interest to Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation (NSSMC), Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd. (Nisshin Steel), and Nippon Steel & Sumikin Bussan Corporation (NSSBC), respectively. See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 84 FR 46713 (September 5, 2019). In the absence of record information indicating that Commerce should reevaluate this determination, we are treating these companies as a single entity for purposes of this administrative review.

<sup>12</sup> We collapsed JFE Shoji Trade Corporation with JFE Steel Corporation in the underlying investigation. See *Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products from Japan: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination*, 81 FR 15222 (March 22, 2016), and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 8–9.

<sup>13</sup> See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8102 (February 14, 2012) (*Final Modification for Reviews*).

<sup>14</sup> See *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 5.58 percent, the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation.<sup>15</sup> These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

### Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed for these preliminary results of review to interested parties within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c), interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, the content of which is limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date for filing case briefs.<sup>16</sup> Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.<sup>17</sup> Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS<sup>18</sup> and must be served on interested parties.<sup>19</sup> Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS. An electronically filed request must be received successfully in its entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.<sup>20</sup> Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues parties intend to discuss. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised in the respective case and rebuttal briefs. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a date and time to be determined.<sup>21</sup> Parties should confirm the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of

the issues raised in any case or rebuttal briefs, no later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless extended.<sup>22</sup>

### Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

### Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 10, 2019.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

### Appendix

#### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-428-846, A-570-093]

#### Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From the Federal Republic of Germany and the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Orders

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** Based on affirmative final determinations by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the International Trade Commission (ITC), Commerce is issuing antidumping duty orders on refillable stainless steel kegs from the Federal Republic of Germany

(Germany) and the People's Republic of China (China).

**DATES:** Applicable December 16, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael A. Romani (Germany) and Thomas Schauer (China), AD/CVD Operations, Office I, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0189 and (202) 482-0410, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

In accordance with sections 735(a), 735(d), and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.210(c), on October 24, 2019, Commerce published its affirmative final determinations in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigations of refillable stainless steel kegs from Germany and China, including its affirmative determination of critical circumstances with respect to certain imports of subject merchandise from China.<sup>1</sup> On December 9, 2019, the ITC notified Commerce of its final determinations pursuant to section 735(b)(1)(A) of the Act that an industry in the United States is materially retarded by reason of the LTFV imports of refillable stainless steel kegs from Germany and China, and its determination that critical circumstances do not exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise from China.<sup>2</sup>

#### Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by these orders are refillable stainless steel kegs. For a complete description of the scope of the orders, see the appendix to this notice.

#### Antidumping Duty Orders

As stated above, on December 9, 2019, in accordance with sections 735(b)(1)(B) and 735(d) of the Act, the ITC notified Commerce of its final determinations in these investigations, in which it found that the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded within the meaning of section 735(b)(1)(B) by reason of imports of

<sup>1</sup> See *Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs from Germany: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 84 FR 57008 (October 24, 2019); and *Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part*, 84 FR 57010 (October 24, 2019) (*China Final Determination*).

<sup>2</sup> See Notification Letter from the ITC dated December 9, 2019.

<sup>15</sup> See *Order*.

<sup>16</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(d).

<sup>17</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2).

<sup>18</sup> See generally 19 CFR 351.303.

<sup>19</sup> See 19 CFR 351.303(f).

<sup>20</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>21</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(d).

<sup>22</sup> See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; and 19 CFR 351.213(h).